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WANTS HAWAII GIBRALTAR OF PACIFIC

Mr. Taft Says He Is Committed
to Policy of Strongly For-
tifying Oahu.

THINKS ISLANDS KEY TO WEST

In Talk to Senator Chamberlain
Chief Executive Makes Plain
Views on Matter.

President Taft has come out strongly for a thoroughly fortified Hawaii. He believes that with these islands turned into a Gibraltar of the Pacific the United States will be in position to laugh at any attempt of a foreign power to attack the Pacific Coast of the mainland, but that without such preparation here the islands offer the weakest point in the outer line of defense, the country presents to the outside world.

This attitude on the part of the President of the United States was made manifest in a talk Mr. Taft had with Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, when the chief executive was in the State on his famous trip last fall. These sentiments were learned here through a letter from Senator Chamberlain. The letter comes in most timely just now when the matter of beginning the work for the great garrison, so long promised Oahu, is about to be taken up by the authorities here. It reads in part:

President's Views.

"The President expressed his views very fully as to the placing of our western coast in a condition of absolute preparedness, but he added that this meant more than the fortifying of San Francisco, San Diego and the Sound ports. He said that the greatest need now was the putting of Hawaii in such shape as to render an attack upon Coast cities an extremely hazardous if not actually impossible undertaking by any fleet sailing across the Pacific.

"The President believes, and all the military and naval experts in Washington are with him, that in the event of a war between the United States and a European power the latter would never attempt to reach our Pacific States except by way of the Suez Canal and the western ocean. The Panama

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CEREMONIES MARK IMPORTANT STEP IN COLLEGE OF HAWAII'S GROWTH



SCENES AT COLLEGE OF HAWAII CORNERSTONE LAYING YESTERDAY.
Crowd assembled for the ceremony—Inset, Judge Cooper making opening address, with President Gilmore and W. R. Farrington on platform.

With all the ceremonies appropriate to the occasion the cornerstone of the college of Hawaii's new building was laid yesterday afternoon by Judge H. C. Cooper, president of the board of agents. The weather was delightful, sunny skies prevailed, the sun contributed warmth competent with the general enthusiasm and a stray breeze was present from some retreat about the coast to land its air of temperance. The preparations made to hold the exercises under cover in case of propitious weather lay forgotten in the cellar.

The faculty and the students of the college and their friends were all there, scattered as comfortably as possible about the piles of lumber, the improvised benches or wherever comfort offered itself. The students of the Mid-Pacific Institute, which looms up on the hill nearby were there on mass, the boys in their natty blue uniforms and the girls in cool white.

Judge Cooper made the opening address and was followed by W. R. Farrington with a historical sketch. The list of documents in the copper box, including copies of 'The Advertiser,' Bulletin and Star, school reports and similar things, was then read, the box

KUHIO DUE ON NEXT SIERRA

Coming to Organize Party in Support of His Efforts to Prevent
Frear's Reappointment.

(Special Cable to The Advertiser.)
WASHINGTON, January 22.—Delegate Kalaniano'le leaves this week to return to Honolulu in order to carry his fight against Governor Frear into the contest for the presidential delegates.

Delegate to Congress Kuhio will arrive in Honolulu on Friday, February 2, on the S. S. Sierra, and will immediately plunge into the first primaries of the campaign, those to elect delegates to the territorial convention at which will be chosen the six delegates allowed Hawaii at the national convention in Chicago. The date for the territorial convention has not yet been set, but it must be held not later than April 18, sixty days before the date of the Chicago gathering. The object of the Delegate will be to secure the election of national convention delegates friendly to him, with the idea that their support of President Taft for renomination will be conditional on the support of the President for Kuhio and against the Governor.

Already at Work.

For some time now, ever since it became known that Taft would have to make a fight in the convention for delegates enough to make his renomination certain, there has been activity among the local friends of the Delegate, along underground ways, and much hard work has been done to ensure the election of delegates to the territorial convention who could be depended upon to vote want of confidence in the Governor, if called upon to do so. Delegates are also wanted who will go upon record as endorsing the charges made by the Delegate against the Governor and against the corporation interests of Hawaii.

How About the Planter?

Kuhio, himself, expects to be one of the six delegates to attend the national convention and to head the delegation and swap off Hawaii's votes in his personal quarrel. The territorial convention, in short, is to be the first battleground between the Delegate in his new role as representative of the Democrats and the Governor as represented in the convention by the delegates who may be sent there by the business men of the Territory.

The convention will be a test whether the plantation interests of Hawaii are ready to swallow all that Kuhio has said about them or are ready to fight back in their own defense.

It is expected that the local convention will be held on or about April 18, with one hundred and sixty delegates present in person or by proxy, on the basis of one delegate for every fifty voters, with a minimum of one to each precinct.

WU TING FANG TENDERS RESIGNATION; DOCTOR SUN NOW ACCUSED OF TREACHERY, YUAN SHIH-KAI PLANS NEW GOVERNMENT



PRESIDENT SUN YAT SEN.

SKIPPER MORTON PAYS HIS FINE

SAN FRANCISCO, January 23.—Captain Morton, commander of the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia, yesterday paid to Collector Stratton the amount of the fine assessed against him because of opium seized aboard his ship and declared contraband. The fine was a nominal one of one hundred dollars, made important because of the announcement of the collector that the Mongolia would be held in port until the fine was paid. The Pacific Mail Company threatened to bring suit to force the issuance of the clearance papers and announced its intention of suing for heavy damages if the ship were delayed beyond the advertised time for sailing.

NO PUBLICITY, PLEADS OFFICIAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 23.—Pleading for relief from unnecessary publicity, the president of the steel trust yesterday declared that if the corporation is forced to give the details of the cost of production in all instances it would mean the ruin of the business. He said that with such information the foreign competitors would be able to underbid the American manufacturer. And worse than that such knowledge would not ruinously on the foreign trade of the United States Steel corporation and other steel manufacturers.

PINCHOT PRESIDES.

NEW YORK, January 23.—At a monster meeting addressed by Senator La Follette last night, Gifford Pinchot, personal friend of Theodore Roosevelt and of Senator La Follette, presided. The crowd was enormous and Senator La Follette made an address along his customary lines.

DUKE ARRIVES.

NEW YORK, January 22.—The British royal party, consisting of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia, arrived here today, accompanied by a large suite, for a visit to this country.

OFF TO TARGET RANGE.

The first division of the South Dakota's crew yesterday morning left the ship for Fort Shafter where the men will put in three days in target practice. They will return to their ship Friday and will probably be succeeded by other divisions from their own and other ships in the fleet.

WILHELMINA DAY LATE.

Castle & Cooke, agents for the Matsuo line, received a wireless message late last night from Captain Johnson, stating that the Wilhelmina would arrive here a day late, owing to heavy weather and gales. The message was brief, but ended with the announcement that another message was to follow.

George H. Fairchild, who has been ill in New York, is reported to be out of danger. A cable to that effect was received by friends in this city yesterday morning.

Serious Dissensions Reported in Ranks of the Revolutionary Soldiers—President Issues Statement.

PARIS, FRANCE, JANUARY 23.—Reports from Nanking declare that Doctor Wu Ting Fang, former ambassador to the United States from China, has resigned his post with the revolutionary government, following serious charges of treachery. There are serious dissensions in the ranks of the revolutionary soldiers. The reports come to the ministry of war and are believed authentic.



PREMIER YUAN SHIH-KAI.

While that was the seat of the trouble the active cause of the outbreak of discontent on the part of the republican forces here and in the immediate vicinity of the city is the presence in Doctor Sun Yat Sen's cabinet of two Japanese advisers. In their formal complaint presented yesterday the soldiers declare that the Japanese government has been hostile to republican movement, and that the two friends of Doctor Sun's are not cabinet officials at all, but agents of the Mikado.

In a statement made here late last night Doctor Sun declared that he is still confident of the ultimate success of the movement he is heading. In speaking of the armistice granted to the Imperialists the president said that it had been renewed only after Yuan Shih-kai had assured him that the Manchus had formally accepted the terms offered them by the revolutionists, and that if he finds that has been deceived in this he will at once resume hostilities.

Yuan Moves at Last.

PEKING, January 23.—It became known late last night that the premier Yuan Shih-kai has finally decided to form a new government of his own. It is understood that the prime minister has been considering the step for some days and the events of the last twenty-four hours have forced his hand.

The efforts of the premier to consummate the abdication of the Emperor have failed utterly, leaving him in a most perplexing situation. It is thought here that this fact in connection with the developments in Nanking decided him on his latest move.

CHAIRMAN DENIES ROOSEVELT STORY

Says He Knows Nothing of Story
That ex-President Is After
Okloham Convention.

MACALESTER, Okla., January 23.—

Ed Perry, chairman of the Fourth Republican Congressional District, in a statement made here yesterday, denies that he has been asked by Col. Roosevelt to instruct the delegation from this district to the Republican national convention to vote for Roosevelt's nomination for President.

He states the assertion he has the letters to prove his statement, which if true, is the first definite move made public of Roosevelt's candidacy for a third term is absolutely false and without foundation.

TRIPLE INQUIRY INTO FATAL WRECK

CENTRALIA, January 23.—Some of the details of the railroad wreck of Sunday at this place, in which James T. Harahan, president of the Illinois Central, and a number of his friends with him in his private car were killed, have been given out. The dead include Frank O. Mecher, vice-president of the Rock Island system; E. B. Pierce, general solicitor of the same road, and E. E. Wright, son of former Secretary of War Luke Wright.

The president's private car was badly smashed up, and the bodies were found by the rescuing parties to be terribly mutilated. The top of President Harahan's head had been torn off, while other bodies were without arms or legs.

A triple investigation of the causes leading up to the collision is on. The State is holding an inquiry, the county coroner is conducting an inquest and the Illinois Central is investigating on its own account in an effort to fix the blame.

TWO RECORDS AND ONE LIFE ARE GONE

France, Germany and America in
Aviation News—Novice Is
Killed in Los Angeles.

RHEIMS, France, January 23.—

Aviator Prevotte established a new world's record for height yesterday while carrying two passengers. In his monoplane, Prevotte circled until he had forced his machine 7150 feet into the air.

Record Distance for Germany.

BERLIN, January 23.—Aviator Ulich, with two passengers in his monoplane, flew two hundred and forty-five miles yesterday within two hours of sustained flight. This establishes a world's record.

Fatality to Tyro.

LOS ANGELES, January 23.—Rutherford Page, twenty-four years old, who secured his aviator's license on Saturday last, fell from his machine during the aviation meet here yesterday and was killed. The novice had gained a height of only one hundred and fifty feet when something went wrong with his machine, precipitating him to the ground in the presence of thousands of spectators.

DEMOCRATS CUT THE TARIFF ON STEEL PRODUCTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 23.—Sweeping reductions were made in the tariff on steel products yesterday by the democratic committee on tariff revision. The proposed reductions vary from thirty to fifty per cent. of the present duties.

The committee also proposed to put cash registers, printing machinery, sewing machines, nails and other articles of a similar nature on the free list.